

11-28-21:

"Transformed by HOPE"

Isaiah 7:14; Isaiah 9:1-2; Isaiah 9:6-7; Luke 1:5-25

ADVENT --- A VERY SPECIAL TIME

- + A TIME OF EXPECTATION
- + A TIME OF PREPARATION
- + A TIME OF WAITING

HOPE -- WHAT IS HOPE?

WHY IS HOPE CRITICALLY IMPORTANT?

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF HOPE?

OPENING THE DOOR OF HOPE IN YOUR LIFE

LUKE 1:1-25 --- GABRIEL APPEARS TO ZECHARIAH

THEY WERE "DARK DAYS"

THEY WERE HOPELESS DAYS

AND THEN

CHANGED BY **HOPE**

MY STORY OF BEING TRANSFORMED BY HOPE

HOPE FROM A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE

CHRISTIAN DISTINCTIVES: GOD'S CHARACTER

GOD'S WORD

GOD'S TRACK RECORD

KEYS: 1) TALK WITH GOD

2) REFLECT UPON GOD'S WORD

3) REST UPON GOD'S GRACE

4) ALLOW THE HOLY SPIRIT TO FILL YOU, GUIDE YOU AND LIFT YOU UP! ☺

SUMMARY: ADVENT = a time of EXPECTATION, PREPARATION & WAITING

BOTTOM-LINE: WE ARE NOT FORGOTTEN

GOD IS ON THE MOVE

JESUS CAME AND WILL COME AGAIN

ARE YOU EXPECTING WITH GENUINE HOPE?

ARE YOU PREPARING WITH GENUINE HOPE?

ARE YOU WAITING WITH GENUINE HOPE?

PLEASE JOIN WITH ME AS WE: EXPECT TOGETHER

PREPARE TOGETHER

WAIT TOGETHER

May Advent 2021 be a special time of renewed and refreshed HOPE for life and for faith. May this Christmas Season bring you God-filled HOPE, JOY, PEACE, and LOVE as we look forward to God's rescue mission for planet earth...

Dear God, I pray that hearts and minds be open to hear the voice of Gabriel that renews our HOPE and our promises --- assures us of power for today and HOPE for tomorrow. In Jesus' name, AMEN.



SHUMI Saves Christmas Rehearsal
There will be **pageant practice directly after worship today** until 12:45 p.m. Lunch is provided.



In Sunday School Today:
Solomon Dedicates the Temple
1 Kings 6:1-66
"Charged to Live Faithful to God"



Trustees please remember to pick up your snow shoveling schedule which is in your mail slot in the Fellowship Hall.



The Caring Tree: The Caring Tree in the narthex has ornaments with children and adult names on them who are clients of the Ella Cochran Food Pantry. If you are able, please take a gift tag and purchase a gift. Return the gift with the name tag attached by Dec. 12 so they can be handed out on Dec. 15. Most of these people don't have much and this could be the only gift they receive all year. Thank you!

STARTS TONIGHT!

Advent BIBLE STUDY
Adults, Youth & Children

In *The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem*, Adam Hamilton travels from Nazareth to Bethlehem in a fascinating look at the birth of Jesus Christ. Please join us on **Sunday evenings starting Sunday, Nov. 28 at 5:00 p.m. or Wednesday afternoons beginning Wednesday, Dec. 1 @ 1:00 p.m.** for this wonderful Advent bible study. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex if you'd like to join us. We also have two other Bible Studies that you can join in who will also be presenting this study: Elna Morton at 9:30 a.m. starting Tues., Nov. 30 & Thurs., Dec. 2 Diane Senger & the Sweet & Salty at 6:30 p.m. **This study is for adults, youth and children.**



Christmas Anthem Choir

Practice for our Christmas Anthem which we will sing on **Friday, December 24 (Christmas Eve) begin on Thursday, December 2 at 7 p.m.**

For those who cannot make the practice on Thursday evening, we'll have a 20-minute practice directly after worship on Sundays for you beginning **Sunday, November 28.**



During each Sunday in Advent we will have some special programming in the worship service. There will be special music, a Christmas Anthem Choir, as well as some skits performed by some talented people in our congregation.

Here is a schedule:

Nov. 28 – Mary's Mother (Anne)

Dec. 12 – The Shepherd's Wife

Dec. 5 – The Innkeeper's Son

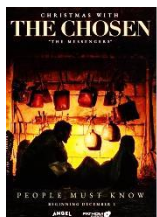
Dec. 26 – The Wise Men



If you are able to make 2 doz. cookies for the Butch Gregory memorial service on Sat., Dec. 4, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.



Has anyone seen???? We are looking for a box that was filled with toothpaste, toothbrushes, and other personal hygiene products that the U. M. Women were collecting for the Ruth M. House in Sheffield. If you have seen them would you let either Linda Morey or Barb Black know. *Thank you!*



Christmas with The Chosen: The Messengers

The Chosen has a new episode! To launch the Christmas season this December, The Chosen has created a special episode about the birth of Christ through the eyes of Mary and Joseph. You'll also see an extraordinary lineup of musicians perform both new and classic Christmas. This is the perfect opportunity to bring friends and family, including those who haven't seen The Chosen, for a unique Christmas experience. This is also ideal for small group Bible studies who have been watching the series and discussing. Mark your calendar for Dec. 1-9 when it will be at Tinseltown in Erie, PA.

COVID PROTOCOLS

As a leadership team, we are making decisions daily & will continue to do so regarding COVID protocols here at SHUMC. SO... We're asking a couple of things of you as you come to worship:

- 1) That people be mindful of responsible 'distancing' between family units
- 2) We're asking that everyone wear masks until the children are dismissed for Sunday School. Once the children are dismissed, you're welcome to take off your mask for the balance of the service.
- 3) We're asking that we all wear masks as we leave the sanctuary and return to our cars.

With love and care,

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